

From the North.

AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM
A FORMER RESIDENT OF
SOUTHERN PINES.

MR. EDITOR:

After being "on the road" for five weeks, enroute from Southern Pines to Chicago, I found it extremely refreshing to read up the accumulated news from the sand belt, a locality which, I assure you, I have not lost interest in, and which, for divers reasons, appeals to me stronger than ever.

First and foremost, the fact is that people working on a salary—no matter as to its magnitude—cannot get ahead any, especially here in the North, where "temptation leads on to destruction," and where work means, in many instances, hard grubbing for 12 and 14 hours a day in a climate that is "shivery" during nine months of the year. My thirteen months of residence in Southern Pines has convinced me that there is more solid comfort to the square foot in that region than there is in any other place in my calendar, and that one's own labor need not be in vain, even though the impression may have gone abroad as to "What good can come out of the Nazareth sand-dunes of North Carolina?" I find here great wonderment as to the intense heat that the average citizen imagines must be sizzling you to death during these summer months. But if they would take the slight trouble, as I have done, to look at the daily weather reports, they would see that you all have been quite as comfortable in that respect as have the denizens of northern Illinois, and with the added felicity of cool nights.

I have had numerous inquiries as to the "prospects" down there—What can a man with limited capital do, etc. My answer has been that one can do nothing anywhere without push and attention to business, but that they can attain that end more easily in the South than elsewhere.

Personally, I have been greatly interested, (in so far as my knowledge of chemistry doesn't go), in your Experimental Farm articles and the truck farming testimony of various citizens of Southern Pines; the heralding forth of such gospel is most commendable. The news in your columns indicates that considerable building is going on in your place; no one thing better illustrates the prosperity of a town or city. It may interest your fruit growers to hear that I saw recently in Chicago some baskets labeled "Elbertas", price, 50 cents; on counting the contents, I found they averaged 21 to a basket.

With kind regards to friends in Southern Pines, I am
Sincerely Yours,
Western Springs, Ill. C. L. M.

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